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Examiner Ly

Art Unit 2172

Serial No. 09/924,259

Dear Examiner Ly:

With reference to the above-noted application, I am transmitting herewith: (1) an amendment and related papers accompanied by a certificate of mailing dated 4 AUG 2004, and (2) a proposed amendment.

(I) Given the following sequence of events, Applicants submit that the period for response expired on 29 SEP 2004.

4 JUN 2004	USPTO mailed Final Office Action
4 AUG 2004	Applicants mailed Response (within 2 months of Final Office Action)
4 SEP 2004	3 months after Final Office Action
29 SEP 2004	USPTO mailed Advisory Action

(II) The proposed amendment clarifies that an event occurs, and that a response to the event is performed by a human operator. Applicants are requesting that the Examiner acknowledge that the proposed amendment distinguishes the independent claims over both of the '216 patent and the '102 patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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